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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY COURT MARTIAL TRIAL OF BISHOP CHI AND  
YUN PO SON

1. ACCORDING TO MND ANNOUNCEMENT PROSECUTION RECOMMENDED MORNING SESSION, AUGUST 9 SENTENCES OF 15 YEARS IMPRISONMENT AND 15 YEARS SUSPENSION OF CIVIL RIGHTS FOR EX-PRESIDENT YUN PO-SON REV. PARK HYONG KYU, AND REV. KIM CHONG-KOOK, DEAN OF YONSEI UNIVERSITY, AND SAID THAT PROSECUTION PLEA FOR SENTENCING OF BISHOP CHI AND PROF. KIM DONG-IL WOULD BE MADE LATER IN AFTERNOON.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY G-2 SOURCE REPORTED THAT DURING AFTERNOON SESSION PROSECUTION ASKED TO PRESENT NEW WITNESSES AND EVIDENCE AGAINST BISHOP CHI AND THAT TWO NEW CHARGES BE INCLUDED IN INDICTMENT. THESE ARE (A) LEAVING RESIDENCE WHILE UNDER ARREST; AND (B) READING AND EDITING LEAFLETS REGARDING MISTREATMENT OF CONVICTED PRISONERS. VERDICT ON OTHER PRISONERS MENTIONED PARA 1 EXPECTED AUGUST 10, BUT PROSECUTION REQUEST REGARDING BISHOP CHI EXPECTED TO DELAY VERDICT IN HIS CASE UNTIL NEXT WEEK.

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3. ACCORDING TO CATHOLIC SOURCE CLOSE TO CARDINAL KIM, HE IS WITHHOLDING ALL COMMENTS UNTIL VERDICT ON BISHOP CHI IS KNOWN. IF CHI IS CONVICTED, CARDINAL WILL ISSUE STATEMENT DEMANDING HIS FREEDOM AND RETURN TO HIS DIOCESE. IF GOVERNMENT IS NOT FORTHCOMING, CARDINAL PERSONALLY WILL ISSUE DECLARATION DENOUNCING GOVERNMENT AND CHALLENGING AUTHORITIES TO ARREST AND TRY HIM ALSO. OTHER BISHOPS REPORTEDLY SIMILARLY INCLINED. THUS LINES ARE DRAWN.

4. IN MEANTIME GOVERNMENT SOURCES ARE CIRCULATING STORIES THAT PRESIDENT MAY PARDON KEY FIGURES CONVICTED BY EMERGENCY COURT MARTIAL TRIALS ON AUGUST 15 (INDEPENDENCE DAY), AS WAY OF CALMING CHURCH RESENTMENT. HOWEVER, THERE IS AS YET NO AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT THAT ROKG MAY CHANGE ATTITUDE OR REVIEW POLICY BEFORE END OF MONTH.  
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